

Secretary Announces Award of Grants to Promote District of Columbia Self-determination, Voting Rights or Statehood

On Friday, June 12, 2015, the District issued a Request for Applications for a Grant to Promote District of Columbia Self-Determination, Voting Rights or Statehood.

(Washington, D.C.) Today, the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia announced that two (2) grants have been awarded in response to the Request for Applications for a Grant to Promote District of Columbia Self-Determination, Voting Rights and Statehood.

1. Stand Up! for Democracy in DC has been awarded a grant for \$36,900.
2. Vision House has been awarded a grant for \$28,200.

Mayor Muriel Bowser testified before the United States Congress on June 25, 2015 and issued the following statement:

“The more than 650,000 residents of Washington, DC deserve full democracy and statehood. These men and women, families, veterans, seniors, and business owners pay their fair share of taxes and they have a right to full representation. In addition, the District deserves the right to govern our local affairs and to manage our own budget.”

These organizations will advocate for self-determination and/or statehood for the District of Columbia and will augment the District’s efforts in educating visitors to the District as well as others around the country about the lack of full democracy for District of Columbia residents.

The Request for Applications from nonprofit organizations for the grant program was published in the Friday, June 12, 2015 *District of Columbia Register*.

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